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1. PER PARA 20 REFTEL, MISOFF ON MARCH 10 INFORMED VIENNA UNIDO RESP FRG, UK, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA OF CONTENTS APPROACH SET OUT REFTEL AND NOTED INITIAL REACTIONS.

2. AUSTRALIA (TOWNSEND) BELIEVED APPROACH WOULD BE WELCOME TO CANBERRA AND WOULD STRENGTHEN AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR GROUP B DRAFT UNIDO CONSTITUTION. JAPAN (TANAKA) HAD
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JUST RECEIVED CABLE FROM TOKYO INSTRUCTING HIM EXPLORE

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POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO WEIGHTED VOTING IN FORM OF AN
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) WHICH WOULD HAVE
FULL AUTHORITY OVER UNIDO PROGRAM/BUDGET AND WHICH
WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT GROUP B REPRESENTATION TO ASSURE
AN ACCEPTABLE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE OVER THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE PROGRAM/BUDGET. HE AGREED THAT IT WAS TOO SOON
TO BROACH THIS INITIATIVE WITHIN GROUP B, AND BELIEVED
THE APPROACH TO TOKYO REFTEL WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL
AND TIMELY IN THIS RESPECT. HE IMPLIED THAT HE WOULD
AWAIT A REACTION FROM TOKYO TO THE US DEMARCHE BEFORE
ACTING ON HIS INSTRUCTIONS. UK (LLOYD) WELCOMED THE US
INITIATIVE AND BELIEVED LONDON WOULD BE FULLY RECEPTIVE
TO APPROACH. CANADA (MEUNIER) BELIEVED THAT SHARP
DIVISION OF VIEWS EXISTED WITHIN GOC ON ISSUE OF WEIGHTED
VOTING IN UNIDO CONSTITUTION, WITH FINANCE MINISTRY
STRONGLY FAVORING THAT PROVISION AGAINST OPPOSITION TO
IT FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. SHE CONFIDED THAT CANADIAN
VIENNA MISSION WAS UNCONVINCED THAT WEIGHTED VOTING
PROVISION COULD CARRY THE DAY IN NEGOTIATIONS IN COMMITTEE
OF WHOLE OF UNIDO CONSTITUTION AND HAD ASKED OTTAWA TO
RECONSIDER ITS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DELEGATION ON THAT
PROVISION. SHE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT ABSENCE OF
INSTRUCTIONS TO VIENNA MISSION INDICATED THAT ISSUE
WAS STILL UNRESOLVED AT THIS POINT AND BELIEVED THAT US
APPROACH WOULD STIFFEN SUPPORT FOR WEIGHTED VOTING
PROVISION. FRG (CARSTENSEN) WAS VERY PLEASED AT
PROSPECT OF US DEMARCHE, BELIEVED IT PARTICULARLY
TIMELY IN VIEW OF UPCOMING FRG INTERMINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS
ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION. HE RESTATED FRG POSITION THAT
IT WOULD "NEGOTIATE VERY HARD" IN COMMITTEE OF WHOLE
BUT WAS RESIGNED TO PROBABILITY THAT WEIGHTED VOTING
PROVISION COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED; FRG WOULD THEREFORE
SEEK THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE MECHANISM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
OF UNIDO PROGRAM/BUDGET, PREFERABLY IN FORM OF A PROGRAM/
BUDGET COMMITTEE SUBSIDIARY TO THE IDB, AND WOULD
ACCEPT "RISK OF THE POSSIBILITY" THAT SOMEDAY FRG
MIGHT FIND ITSELF "UNABLE TO RESPOND TO AN ASSESSMENT".
HE "EXACTLY AGREED", HOWEVER, THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO
DEPARTURES FROM THE GROUP B DRAFT CONSTITUTION DURING THE
SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
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3. AUSTRALIAN, UK AND FRG REPS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US
WOULD SEIZE OCCASION OF GROUP B MEETING MARCH 19 TO GIVE
FULL EXPOSITION OF US POSITION AS SET OUT REFTEL, IN
EXPECTATION THAT THEY WOULD BE THEN HAVE RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS THAT WOULD PERMIT THEM EXPRESS SUPPORT OF
US POSITION. GARLAND

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